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1. ONLY TWO AUSTRIAN MANUFACTURERS OF BALLPOINT PENS,
E.G. BREVILLIER-URBAN AND MINITEK GES.M.B.H., USE US
ORIGIN PARTS IN THEIR PRODUCTION.

2. BREVILLIER-URBAN STATED THAT US PARTS ONLY USED TO
MAKE EXPENSIVE HIGH-QUALITY PENS. :COMPANY STOPPED EXPORTING
THESE PENS TO EC/EFTA AREA BECAUSE PENS TOO EXPENSIVE TO
BE COMPETITIVE IN THESE MARKETS. CHANGE NOT CAUSED BY R/O
BUT BY MARKET CONDITIONS IN FTA. ALLOWANCE OF 5 PERCENT
THIRD COUNTRY CONTENT WOULD NOT ALLEVIATE R/O PROBLEMS
SINCE US PARTS ACCOUNT FOR ABOUT 70 PERCENT OF FINAL
PRODUCT VALUE. COMPANY CONTINUES USING US PARTS IN PRODUC-
TION FOR AUSTRIAN MARKET.

3. MINITEK NEVER EXPORTED PENS WITH US CONTENT TO FTA
BUT ONLY TO EASTERN EUROPE. THEREFORE EC/EFTA RULES OF
NO CONCERN.BUCHANAN

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